



Pageant Competition Description

The pageant is open to boys ages 0-8 years and girls/women from 0-50+ years! Applications are accepted annually from February 1-March 1.

FOR CONTESTANTS AGES 0-8:

Competition takes place on Saturday, March 21, 2020, 1 PM - 4 PM, Copperas Cove Civic Center.

Doors open at 12 noon.

All contestants are awarded one guest ticket at no cost to cheer them on at the pageant. Cost for pageant tickets for all other guests is \$5.

ATTIRE

Female contestants may wear any dress of their choosing. However, most contestants wear party dresses or pageant dresses. However, pageant dresses are not required. We have had winners every year who have not been in pageant dresses. Boys should wear church attire. The child's clothing is not judged. However, it should fit well and be neat and clean to make the best presentation. Parents should arrive to the pageant with their child(ren) dressed in his/her pageant attire. Parents must not plan to dress in the bathroom. There are too many contestants to do this!

A rehearsal for the pageant will be held two weeks prior to the event on the first Saturday of March, from 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **REHEARSAL IS MANDATORY.** During rehearsal, parents will draw their child(ren)'s contestant numbers. Parents will be shown where their child will go back stage, and the child's photo will be taken for the program book. It will be a head shot. So, it does not matter what the child wears. But, girls may want to have a bow in their hair, etc. No tiaras may be worn. Parents and their child(ren) will also have the opportunity to practice the pattern several times on stage. Remember, a child does not have to walk the pattern perfectly. Stage presence is the most important factor. Each contestant will be judged on the criteria listed below.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Stage Presence

- Poise and confidence
- Body language
- Eye contact

· Smile and grace

In each age category, each contestant will enter on stage one at a time. Each contestant will walk on stage stopping to complete a turn in the center of the stage on the “x,” walk to the “x” on the right of the stage, turn, and advance to the final “x” on the left next to the podium, and then exit the stage. Contestants ages 3 and younger may walk on stage with their parents.

Crowning ceremonies for each category will be held throughout the pageant as soon as scores become available because we know young children get tired easily. Parents must pay close attention to when their child's age group is called for both the competition and the crowning ceremony. The program moves along pretty quickly. Therefore, the children will be able to sit with their parents following competition until the crowning of their respective age group.

After individual judging, contestants in each specific category will enter the stage for a group line up and one final review by the judges. Following the crowning of the child's category, parents must turn in their child's contestant number at the ticket counter to receive their child's contestant gift bag containing prizes valued at more than \$200!

The newly crowned winners will need to return for the evening pageant to be introduced on stage as the new royalty and to take a group photo.

FOR CONTESTANTS AGES 9 & OLDER:

Competition takes place on Saturday, March 21, 2019, 6 PM, at the Copperas Cove Civic Center.

Doors open at 5 PM. Contestants must report NLT 5:45 PM to avoid disqualification.

All contestants are awarded one guest ticket at no cost to cheer them on at the pageant. Cost for pageant tickets for all other guests is \$5.

ATTIRE

Female contestants may wear any dress of their choosing. However, most contestants wear cocktail dresses or pageant/prom dresses. Long dresses are not required. We have had winners every year who have worn long and short dresses. The contestant's dress is not judged. However, it should fit well and be neat and clean to make the best presentation.

A rehearsal for the pageant will be held two weeks prior to the event on the first Saturday of March, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **REHEARSAL IS MANDATORY.** During rehearsal, contestants will receive their contestant numbers. Contestants will be shown how to get back stage from audience seating, and will have their photo for the program book. This is a headshot. Contestants should ensure they are prepared with their earrings, hairstyle, make-up, etc. as they want to appear in the program book. No outside photos will be accepted for the program book. Contestants will also have ample time to practice with the reigning royalty to learn pageant techniques on stage including model's Ts, how to watch the judges, turns, and where they will have their on-stage interviews.

In each age category, each contestant will enter on stage one at a time. Each contestant will walk on stage stopping to complete a turn in the center of the stage on the “x,” walk to the “x” on the right of the stage, turn, and advance to the final “x” on the left next to the podium where she will wait to be

asked her on-stage questions. Contestants will be asked two on-stage questions: one that is generic and the other about the worthy cause the contestant has listed on the application. Each contestant will be judged on the criteria listed below.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Stage Presence

Poise and confidence

Body language

Eye contact

Smile and grace

On-Stage Question

Introduction

Eye contact

Ease of answer

Grammar

After individual judging, contestants in each specific category will enter the stage for a group line up and one final review by the judges. After each category is judged, contestants may return to their seats to watch the pageant with their families until the crowning at the end of the pageant. Contestants will be called backstage for competition during the younger age group immediately prior. For example, Young Miss contestants will be called back stage to compete while Pre-teen Miss contestants are competing. ALL contestants will be called backstage when Sr. Ms. contestants are competing. All categories will be crowned at the end of the pageant.

Immediately following the pageant, contestants must turn in their contestant numbers at the ticket counter to receive their contestant gift bags containing prizes valued at more than \$200!

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